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[x] Response to Office Action	[] Petition for Extension of Time months
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[] Preliminary Amendment	[] Letter to Draftsperson
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In re U.S. Patent Application)
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Application 09/762,134) Art Unit 1634
Filed: January 31, 2001) Examiner
For: MICROARRAY CHIP AND METHOD) Forman, Betty J.
FOR INDEXING THE SAME)
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0068)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, the period for response to which expires on March 15, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: